



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 228**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1209

*Senate, April 11, 2001*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF MOVING BUILDINGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (NEW) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, in
- 2 any project for which state financial aid may be provided for
- 3 demolition of buildings, the cost of moving a building from one
- 4 location to another shall be eligible for such state financial aid,
- 5 provided (1) the building currently contains or will be renovated to
- 6 contain one or more dwelling units, (2) the cost of moving the building
- 7 does not exceed by more than ten per cent the total of all costs
- 8 associated with demolition, including, but not limited to: Demolitions;
- 9 relocation of residence; utility relocation; environmental remediation;
- 10 temporary utility interruption and other costs which may be associated
- 11 with moving the building, and (3) the entity requesting financial aid
- 12 can demonstrate the benefits to the neighborhood or municipality of
- 13 preserving the character of the area by retaining the building.

14       (b) State financial assistance shall be available for the rehabilitation  
15 costs for a building that has been moved in the same manner and  
16 subject to the same criteria as the rehabilitation of any building under  
17 the same state program of financial assistance.

18       (c) Any building that is moved pursuant to a state assisted housing  
19 project shall comply with the separate standards within the State  
20 Building Code for the rehabilitation of buildings.

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In subsection (a) "such" was inserted before "state financial aid" for clarity, "association" was corrected to "associated" and "home" was changed to "building" for consistency.

***HSG***       ***JOINT FAVORABLE C/R***

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***PD***       ***JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.***

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Potential Indeterminate Cost

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Economic and Community Development

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

This bill allows state financial aid to be used to pay for the cost of moving a building rather than for demolition of the building if the cost for moving does not exceed 110% of the cost of demolition. Eligible projects must contain one or two dwelling units and must help maintain the character of the neighborhood to which it is relocated.

To the extent that entities request to move rather than demolish buildings, and that such relocations cost more than a demolition would, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) may incur additional costs. These additional costs will depend on number of requests as well as the total additional costs of these requests. Therefore, the extent of the additional cost that may be incurred by DECD cannot be determined.

It should be noted that section “b” of the bill specifies that state financial assistance “shall” be available for rehabilitation costs of a

building that has been moved, if current criteria are met. Currently, the department is not required to fund all rehabilitation projects that meet the necessary criteria. It is unclear whether this section requires DECD to fund rehabilitations for all buildings that have been moved. If so, it appears that it eliminates the Commissioner's discretion to choose which projects to fund. By eliminating this discretion, significant additional costs may result due to an increase in the volume of rehabilitation efforts that are funded by the department.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF MOVING BUILDINGS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows state funds to be used to move a building whenever the funding program's rules permit their use for demolition. The proposal must meet the following conditions:

1. the building currently contains or will be renovated to contain at least one dwelling unit,
2. the cost of moving the building is no more than 10% higher than the total cost of demolishing it, and
3. the entity seeking the state funds can show that preserving the area's character by keeping the building benefits the town or neighborhood.

In comparing the moving costs to the total demolition costs (for purposes of the second condition, above), the funding agency must look at the costs of the actual demolition, relocating residents and utilities, remediating environmental problems, temporarily interrupting utilities, and other costs associated with moving the building. (It is not clear whether this list applies to both demolition and moving costs, or just demolition costs.)

The bill requires state rehabilitation program assistance to be available for buildings that are moved in the same way and subject to the same criteria as any other building rehabilitation conducted under the same program. And it requires any building that is moved as part of a state-assisted housing project to comply with the State Building Code's separate rehabilitation standard.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Housing

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 11      Nay 1

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15      Nay 2